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The proposed settlement will be ineffective in deterring Microsoft from its monopolistic practices. It is apparent that either Microsoft is being granted a status above the law or the Justice Dept. is incompetent to understand that what it has done is nothing. Microsoft has repeatedly shown that it has no regard for any law or ruling that is intended to limit its predatory practices. The DOJ seems to have forgotten that MS has been found guilty, and that the task at hand is to disable the offender from continuing its offensive activities? in the present and future. Any sentence must address all future activities by Microsoft.

I see no other way to do this effectively except to break up the monopoly.

The American public sees that the DOJ has no teeth. If this is all you are going to do, then close the DOJ1s doors, and save us the expense of running the ineffective Department of Justice.